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Blight Resistant Chestnut Trees

FOR PLEASURE AND PROFIT

RUMBAUGH CHESTNUT FARM
DUNCANNON, PA.

GREETINGS TO MY CUSTOMERS AND
FRIENDS FOR FALL OF 1941 AND SPRING OF 1942

Chestnut growing is rapidly coming to the front. Millions of pounds of chestnuts are imported into this country from southern Europe each year.

These nuts could and should be grown at home. Trees come into bearing as soon as apple trees, and are a most promising venture for the farmer. These trees live and bear profitable crops for future generations.

Chestnut trees make good shade, and are beautiful and attractive as ornamental specimens. Instead of merely getting a job of raking and burning a crop of leaves each fall from other trees, why not plant a few chestnut trees and put away a supply of nuts for the family.

For instance, plant a few trees in a corner of a field, and build a fence around them to furnish food for the squirrels and other wild life. They will enjoy it and thereby help to make game more plentiful.

Chestnuts come into bearing very young. I have trees in my nursery bearing 2 to 6 burrs at 3 years from planting the seed. At 10 years I have trees which yielded 10 quarts of nuts.

Chestnuts bear annually. They bloom about the middle of June and hence are not injured by frost. They require very little pruning, no spraying, no ladder climbing. They ripen from mid-September to October. They fall from the burrs when ripe, as the burrs open before frost, and what a treat to roast a few on the stove, or cook in water and eat in early fall evenings.

When planting chestnut trees, two or more should be planted as they need cross pollination for well filled burrs.

They should be planted 18 to 20 feet apart for good results. The manner of growth is some what like an apple tree. Plant them on upland ground, never on low or swampy places. They thrive on stony soil. The trees require an acid soil like strawberries. Never use lime about Chestnut trees.

When planting, dig hole about 2 feet square and 1 foot deep. Use good top soil well firmed about the roots, and if a dry summer keep well watered and mulch with sawdust, leaves or old manure.

WHEN TO PLANT

Just as soon in spring as severe freezing is over and ground is fit to work in, because after the last of April buds are bursting and trees are likely to die. Our trees are all dug fresh from nursery, as ordered, when shipped to you. Early planting is best. Send your order, or come to the nursery for best results. Planting may also be done in late fall.

(Guarantee)

We make it a rule never to sell a tree we do not feel would live and thrive if we planted it ourselves and took care of it. Although we do not replace trees that die from careless planting and lack of care, we guarantee our trees to be carefully dug and packed and delivered to transportation company in good condition, or you can come to my nursery and get what trees you want.

The nursery is located 3 miles west of Duncannon, on Route 274, just off the highway a short distance.

VARIETIES

We grow only one variety—Chinese Sweet Hybrid—and they are blight resistant. The nut is medium to large in size but of the very best quality, sweet like the old American nut. Seeds for these trees were produced from my own orchard, hence they are hardy to our climate, no winter injury, and very prolific bearers. The glassy leaves and large clusters of burrs make them a very beautiful ornamental tree.

REFERENCES

As to our reliability we refer you to The Peoples National Bank, Duncannon, Pa.

TERMS

Remittance may be made in any way that is convenient. Personal checks will be accepted from responsible persons, or you can send a money order.

PRICES F. O. B. DUNCANNON, PA.

Size	Price Each	Price Dozen
2 to 3 ft.	.75	\$ 8.00
4 to 5 ft.	1.00	10.00
5 to 6 ft.	1.50	15.00

Address all inquiries to

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